WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15.

Dewey is opposed to expansion, and especially in the direction of the Philippines.

New York is getting up a mammoth colonial and international exposition for 1902, in honor of the twentieth century.

The President has sent a message to Congress urging the necessity of the construction of a cable across the Pacific.

charges of Gen. Miles concerning forms, or to encourage perjury or Spain.

Out in Alabama the farmers are increasing the production of cane syrup. That is a move in the direction of pure food. In Ohio the legislature is making war on glucose sagar and syrups. They ought to be ruled out of the country.

The President has commuted Gen. Eugan's sentence to suspension for six years from his rank and command, and the army is indignant thereat. Eagan will spend his "vacation" in Europe.

Gen. O. O. Howard, who was in ly deceased, at Morristown, N. J., bered, fought on the defensive and mental polices? behind breastworks .-- News and Courier.

RIGHT TO DRINK AND TO SELL RUM.

Mr. Williams Considers the Two

Very Different.

To the Editor of The State

The article of, Mr. Featherstone in todays's issue of The State, advising a coalition of prohibi-

Will juries convict who are

from the accused? Will elective officers strive to enforce a law that was voted for with the tacit understanding that it was not to be enforced?

Then would the citizen be willing to pay taxes to enforce a law not want enforced?

Mr. Featherstone has said that ed as the law against all other

Does the law against murder or President McKinley has ordered arson tend to produce murder a court of inquiry touching the or arson in other more vicious the condition of the meat furnish- crimes of any other character? ed the army during the war with Can it be denied that premature prohibition has this effect?

Space forbids that I go further into detail on this line. Now let us examine the license system that Mr. Featherstone is willing to accept.

The first step in the "high license" drama is always a "local option" law, so called. Who is or has been, able to lay down a principle that will unerringly guide the legislature in establishing boundary lines of communities that can lay claim to the inherent right of "local self-government" as to the sale of liquor?

Should its application be position to know the facts, con- national, State, county, municipal fesses at this late day that his side or individual? In fact, if "local missed being thrashed at Gettys- option" is justified under the p ea burg by a very narrow squeak. of "self-government," hasn't the Writing of Gen. G. S. Greene, late- individual as much inherent right to sell liquor as a subdivision of he says: "But for him, or some individuals have to license him to such intelligent and gallant officer sell it? Have local subdivisions in his place, we should have lost the right of greater latitude in that famous field." And Meade's regard to the sale of liquor than superior force, it will be remem- they have concerning other govern-

Then, again, if the individual must be restrained from conducting himself in such a manner as to do injury to his neighbor should the community be exempted from such restraint? Is it possible to imagine the isolation of a municipality or a county so complete that its neghbors would experience none of the ill effects of its barrooms?

Indeed the greatest evils of the inne tome with which South

assurance against punishment if who steadily refuse to surrender their right to drink whiskey.

Then, if it is the verdict of trial themselves guilty of purchases that "prohibition will not prohibit," and that it tends to promote perjury and crimes of kindred character, and if the saloon has proven to be the leading curse of humanity-in fact the devil's paradise-isn't it time that we practice liberality and toleration, that he, down in his heart, does and seek to effect compromises that will grant to the individual the right to drink and yet eliminate prohibittion can be as well enforc- from its sale the element of personal interest, which means classes of crime, but is this the elimination of most of the attendant evils? Does not the dispensary nearer approach this condition than other known liquor

legislation? Its theory is: First, That men will drink

Second. Then its sale should be

Third. The element of personal profit removed from said sale. Fourth. We are thus driven to its official sale.

Under the dispensary law, the interest of the ven ler, the social feature, the treating habit, and in fact all incentive to drink is obliterated except the appetite of the consumer. He cannot congregete with friends at night or on Sunday and play pool, billiards and cards, and have served enticing mixed drinks. There is nobody to pursue him and seduce him nto drinking.

To purchase liquor from the the Great Physician caused St dispensary is an unsociable, coldblooded transaction; the avarice of the vender and the appetite of consumer is separated, and the system is well known to be unprolific of drunkards. That there is some drunkenness on account of the use of dispensary liquor there is no doubt, and it kidney, liver and bladder r has been urged that it is wrong by mail free. for the State to engage in its sale, but is it any worse for the State to sell than it is for her to license the citizen to -ell? If it is arime, isn't the abetor as guilty as the principal? But why point out influence has been for good, and gated to the limbo of the dusty a: Mr. Featherstone admits that by musty past, or rather to the "Limbus Leadquarters for all its operation the old liquor ring was broken up, and that "under the constitution of '95 we cannot

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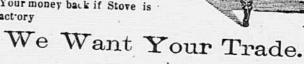
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the private habits of the citizen, unless those habits become so vicious as to injury to his neighbor is right, how can the opposite theory of prohibition be justified? If Mr. Smith elects to drink wine in moderation with his meals, what right has Mr. Jones to demand that the government forbid? Mr. Jones will confess there is no harm in the conduct of Mr. Smith except "example"; that it is "expedient" to violate the rights of Mr.Smith, FOR WOMAN'S that others may not be permitted

he has abandoned principle adopted expediency. Porhibitionists seem never to have paused to consider the difference between the right to drink and the right to sell whiskey. They seem unmindful that the one is a private and the other a

to abuse theirs-unmindful that

republics are founded is wrong.

If the principle that the govern-

ment has no right to interfere with

public function: that the right to drink is a question already settled in the public mind beyond controversy, and that the right to sell is a public function open to rea-

sonable compromise. What are the effects of prohibi-

If it is settled that the right to drink exists and will be maintained isn't it also settled that human avarice will legally or otherwise furnish the supply? Can anything nearer approach a truism than that the public will is higher than law, and that if the public wants liquor, and its sale is prohibited, the

seller has every reasonable

member of the State count | pursue the consumer and a deato incomperance. The much thought, and will discuss it return of the license fee, the exin a brief and impartial manner. pense of conducting his business, A man with a spark of patriotism | the support of his family and the chould not permit any selfish accumulation of profit all depend dispensary must be rapidly leading motive, political or otherwise to upon the sale of whiskey. He warp his judgment, however little finds the appetite of the consumer influence such judgment may have, and the pernicious American habit on a matter involving the morals, of treating his most valuable allies, property and happiness of thous- and will provide suitale loafing ands of men, women and children. places to gratify all social demands. Almost since civilization began Excessive drinking and gambling, counties that are now satisfied?

tion. The one contending that in isolated cases, but they are in brethren in the counties that the Eye, Clear the Complexion it is wrong to drink or sell lique: the main acquired habits, whose and the other contending that it origin can be traced to barroom is right: the one advocating associations. prohibition, the other the license system. If the theory of prohibi- civilization that the man whose all that wish to could hold elections tion is right, in so far as it relates business destroys more happiness and vote out the dispensary? so the consumption of whiskey, and begets more misery and crime, This would be genuine "local the principle upon which all and does less to promote our option" as to the sale of liquor

single human agency, should be- "whiskey rings." come such a power in politics. Nevertheless it is true, and the attack the merit or moral features reason is plain. He not only has of the dispensary is a high endor- 11. at his back the "boys about town," sement of it, and why is he so

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about 17,000 in the first primary last summer, which was considered the full prohibition vote, and the to pre bition if his prediction is true, or else it would be worse than "nonsense" to try to force prohibition upon them.

Then why disturb the peace of the State by forcing elections on battle has waged between two the parents of depravity and And why take the step backward schools of thinkers on this ques- poverty, are attributable to nature and abandon to their fate his would go "high license?"

If three-fourths of the counties Health, use Dr. M. A. Simmons would go probilition, why not It is a sad commentary on our amend the dispensary law so that tangible welfare than any other without bringing to life the county

Mr. Featherstone's failure to but he has the support of that frenzied against its political features? It matters not what cir- PRECIPITATIONcumstances evolved it, or what political faction suggested it, if its features produce sobriety, preserve good morals and pays a handsome profits. Its birth should not damn it. If Mr. Featherstone's wish prevails he will construct a political machine composed of prohibitionists and high license people, and unnatural, abnormal

and impossible alliance. At the last primary election the people sustained and endorsed the dispensary through an exponent that was obnoxious to By J. D. Allen, Esq., Probate Judge all cotton brought inthousands of them. The struggle of the cause espoused by Mr. Featherstone was shown in the first primary-his vote in the second is attributable to the unpoularity of his opponent and the support of the liquor element. I sincerely wish that prohibition proposes.

L. J. Williams.

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